

SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of March 21, 2005 Meeting

PRESENT: Charmaine Glew, Babs Gardner, Anne Erickson, and Gail Ryan. Susan Bullock, Director, and Eileen Sickinger, Recording Secretary.

Gail Ryan, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:20 P.M. Anne Erickson moved the minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting be approved with one correction. Under Director's Report, second paragraph, remove "new". Second: B. Gardner. So moved. There were no additional agenda items and no public audience.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Bullock shared a letter from Atty. Oliver Dickens office regarding the excellent customer service provided by Jennifer Keohane; a letter from the Aging and Disability Commission offering their services during the expansion process. Mrs. Bullock will reply. There was a letter from Bob Gross regarding alternate energy resources for the new building and it was passed on to the Public Building Commission. A copy of Kathy Miller's letter thanking the Board of Selectmen for their commitment to the building project was also shared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Charmaine Glew reported for Friends about the plans for the Twentieth Anniversary activities. The Renewal Team has been divided into two groups, one for fund raising and one for public awareness. The Night of 1,000 Stars will be April 12th with Scott Gray, WTIC-AM sportscaster as one of the guests. A twentieth anniversary program is planned for April 20th. A flyer is being prepared listing all the twentieth anniversary activities and the past presidents of Friends are working on a history of the Library's last twenty years. There was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Simsbury American Legion Post donated an American flag that has been placed in the program room and Mrs. Bullock will send a thank you note. Discussion on the building project dealt with the Board of Finance's decision to approve \$200,000 to revisit the \$5.6 million cost of the proposed expansion. The Board of Finance is meeting on March 22nd to vote on its 6-year capital plan. At their March 1st meeting they could not vote on the \$5.6 million town commitment to the building project since it was not part of the two year plan. The majority of the Board of Finance appeared to favor the First Selectman's plan to go forward with the expansion, since it met the guidelines and cap imposed by them. The First Selectman has set late April as a target date for the Public Building Commission to receive his charge related to the expansion. Board members wish to be included in the wording of this charge. Mrs. Glew moved that the Library Board look at the cost estimates to determine what will be building costs and what will be other costs. Also, the Board will look at what it would like to see in the charge going to the Building Commission, as well as a sub-committee being reformed to include members from the Library Board and the Public Building Commission. As before, there should be a joint committee of the Library Board and Public Building Commission members working on the project. Second: A. Erickson. So moved. Mrs. Bullock reminded the Board of the upcoming Legislative Potluck Supper, and the Legislative Breakfast Reception to be held at the Canton Library. February statistics were down a little from last year. This partly due to February being a shorter month this year.

BUDGET 2005-2006: The Public Hearing on the proposed 2005-2006 budget is scheduled for April 4, 2005 at Simsbury High School.

The Building Project and Public Awareness items were covered in the Director's Report.

At 9:45 Babs Gardner moved for adjournment. Second: A. Erickson. So moved.

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